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TOURISM AND CULTURE
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DUTY-PAID RETAIL CHAIN OUTLETS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Tourism Development Corporation proposes to diversify and expand its activities from duty- paid retail chain outlets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ITDC has analysed the revenue to be generated from these duty- paid retail outlets;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the business done by ITDC through its duty free outlets during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) and (b): Yes Sir. Initially, ITDC intends to open a duty paid shop at Ashok Hotel,New Delhi for selling Open General Licence items like perfumes, chocolates, toys, electronics, watches and accessories.

(c) and (d): The financial projections worked out for operation of duty paid shop at Ashok Hotel New Delhi are as under:

Earnings	Profit (Rupees in lakhs)	
1st Year	159.00	32.00
2nd Year	217.00	49.50
3rd Year	277.00	76.00

(e): The details of business turnover of duty free shops for the last 3 years are given as under:

Years	Business Turnover (Rs. in Crores)
1997-98	83.71
1998-99	84.04
1999-2000	83.00 (Prov.)